Appointments in the Excise Department — Applications from the Jewish community.

42. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any application from members of the Jewish community of Cochin for minor posts in the Excise Department;

(b) the number appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. (2 in 1109, 2 in 1110 and 4 in 1111).

(b) Two.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— May I know whether the recent orders on communal representation have not been based on population basis?

Mr. President.—Mainly on population basis.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has any provision been made to accord greater protection to minor minorities?

Mr. President.—It has been done; that aspect has been looked into-for instance, Jews and other minority communities who have a population of ·13 per cent are given 2 per cent.

Male Hospital, Mattancheri — Completion of.

43. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate date when the male hospital in Mattancheri will be (a) completed;

(b) when will it be thrown open to the public?

Mr. President.— Dr. Rao is laid up with fever. The answer to the question can be read by the Secretary to Government.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) By the middle of 1112.

(b) As soon as it is completed.

Distance between Medical Institutions— Statistics regarding.

44. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the shortest distance between the Irinjalakkuda hospital and the Kattur dispensary;

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